

## OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE

I read this article in the newspaper  
about obsessive compulsive people.  
it gave all the symptoms:  
checking and rechecking door locks,  
checking electrical outlets,  
other  
repetitive meaningless acts,  
being overly concerned for  
the safety of self  
and others.

I had every one of them.  
I was kind of proud of that. it  
wasn't something I wanted to be cured of.  
the article said that if you know someone  
with one or more of these telltale  
symptoms, you should insist they  
seek immediate medical treatment. I never  
thought any of these things were problems.  
a little strange, perhaps, but not  
all that terrible. I can think of  
worse forms of mental illness:  
delusions, irresistible urges  
to commit violent acts,  
pyromania, necrophilia.  
it doesn't seem all that crazy to me  
to fear burglars, fires, abductions.  
not if you read the papers.

## SLOW DAY ON THE STATE PAYROLL

had my radio on all day at work today  
and didn't listen to it for one minute.  
that happens quite often lately,  
and I'm not all that busy, either,  
so it's not like I'm too engrossed in  
what I'm doing or something. maybe  
I should change it to a better  
station.